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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Mullis for indicating that Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 16-19, and 22-45 are allowed.

The rejection of Claims 46-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; the rejection of Claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,250,349 (Nakagawa et al); and the rejection of Claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,241,129 (Marton et al) have all been obviated by appropriate amendment. As the Examiner will note, Applicants have canceled Claims 46-48.

Since all of the claims pending in this application are allowed, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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